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SUBJECT: INDIA DENIES IT HAS SECRET MILITARY ARMS AGREEMENTS WITH
OMAN, IRAQ

REF: KUWAIT 1607

1. JUNE 23 INDIAN PRESS CARRIED MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DENIAL
OF
WASHINGTON POST STORY DATED LINED TEHRAN THAT INDIA HAD SIGNED A SECRET
AGREEMENT WITH IRAQ TO PROVIDE MILITARY ADVISORS. MEA SPOKESMAN
STATED " THERE ARE NO SECRET AGREEMENTS OF ANY KIND BETWEEN INDIA AND
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IRAQ." STORIES NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN INDIAN AIR FORCE TRAINING TEAM IN IRAQ FOR 14 YEARS BUT ITS STRENGTH HAD DECREASED IN RECENT YEARS, AND ITS PRESENCE WAS PUBLICLY REPORTED IN THE DEFENCE MINISTRY' S 1972-73 REPORT.

2. SAME STORIES DENIED POST REPORT THAT OMAN HAD TURNED DOWN INDIAN OFFER TO SELL GNAT JET FIGHTERS BECAUSE OF PAKISTANI PRESSURE, QUOTING SPOKESMAN AS SAYING " THERE IS NO TRUTH IN THE REPORT THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH, OR ORDERS FROM, ANY COUNTRY FOR THE SALE OF GNATS." STORIES NOTED THAT THERE WERE INDIAN ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL IN OMAN IN NON-COMBATTANT TRAINING ROLES. THERE WAS NO REFLECTION OF INFORMATION IN REFTEL THAT SOME INDIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL WILL BE REPLACED WITH PAKISTANIS.

3. TIMES OF INDIA ACCOUNT SUGGESTED THAT THE POST STORY WAS " PLANTED" BY ITS TEHRAN CORRESPONDENT. THIS TIES IN WITH SUSPICIONS HERE THAT IRAN NEEDS TO BLOW UP IRAQI THREAT IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY LARGE MILITARY PURCHASES FROM US. LEFTIST PATRIOT ALLEGED AMB. HELMS WAS SOURCE. THE TIMES SAID THE MEA SPOKESMAN " POINTED OUT THAT INDIA' S POLICY ABOUT THE INDIAN OCEAN , INCLUDING THE ARABIAN SEA AND THE GULF, HAS BEEN REITERATED MANY TIMES. " WE BELIEVE THAT THIS REGION SHOULD BE A ZONE OF PEACE, FREE FROM INTERNATIONAL TENSION, BIG POWER RIVALRY, AND MILITARY ESCALATION."

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